

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 to 9 and 16 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 10, 12 and 15 as follows:

1. to 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for isolating a network from a networkable device using an interface device having a hub and a circuit board, said hub having plural ports and constructed to repeat network transmissions received on one port to ~~all other~~ others of the plural ports, said plural ports including a first port connected to the network, a second port connected to the networkable device, and a third port connected to the circuit board, said hub further including an isolation switch controllably operable to isolate the first port from network transmissions repeated by the hub, said method comprising:

maintaining the isolation switch in a pass-through mode in which network transmissions are repeated to the first port;

receiving a job addressed to the networkable device but at on a port number to which the networkable device does not respond;

implementing network functionality on the circuit board to respond to the job network transmission addressed to the networkable device;

a first setting step of setting the isolation switch to a bypass mode in which the hub does not repeat network ~~communications~~ transmissions to the first port;

transmitting data a network transmission from the circuit board addressed to the networkable device and on a port number to which the networkable device listens, after setting the isolation switch to ~~a~~ to the bypass mode; and

a second setting step of setting toggling the isolation switch to the pass-through mode after the network transmission to the networkable device is complete.

11. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein the networkable device is a printer, and wherein network functionality of the circuit board provides extended functionality for the printer.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein in said first setting step, the isolation switch is set to the bypass mode based on the extended functionality.

13. (Original) A method according to Claim 11, wherein the extended functionality implements secure printing.

14. (Original) A method according to Claim 10, wherein said networkable device listens for network transmissions on a specific port number.

15. (Currently Amended) Original) A method according to Claim 14, wherein in said first setting step, the isolation switch is set to the bypass mode in response to network transmissions on the specific port number.

16. to 20. (Cancelled)